



## USDA Designates 22 Nebraska Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** Nebraska

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Jan. 31, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

|          |          |         |          |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Burt     | Dixon    |         |          |
| Kearney  | Stanton  |         |          |
| Cherry   | Garden   | Kimball | Thomas   |
| Cheyenne | Hall     | Logan   | Thurston |
| Colfax   | Hamilton | Morrill | Wayne    |
| Cuming   | Harlan   | Phelps  | York     |
| Dakota   | Hooker   |         |          |

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Nebraska:**

|           |        |          |           |              |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Adams     | Butler | Fillmore | Keya Paha | Polk         |
| Arthur    | Cedar  | Franklin | Lincoln   | Saline       |
| Banner    | Clay   | Furnas   | McPherson | Scotts Bluff |
| Blaine    | Custer | Gosper   | Madison   | Seward       |
| Box Butte | Dawson | Grant    | Merrick   | Sheridan     |
| Brown     | Deuel  | Howard   | Pierce    | Washington   |
| Buffalo   | Dodge  | Keith    | Platte    | Webster      |

**Colorado:** Logan, Sedgwick and Weld

**Iowa:** Harrison, Monona and Woodbury **Kansas:** Norton and Phillips **South Dakota:** Bennett, Clay, Oglala Lakota, Todd, Tripp and Union

**Wyoming:** Laramie

**More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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